

A.—(Sri P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development and Co-operation).—

(a) Rs. 2,837-18 P.

(b) Yes.

(c) Sri B. S. Lakshmaiah Setty, Director; and Sri B. K. Santhaveerappa, Ex-President.

(d) A criminal case was lodged against the Director, Sri B. S. Lakshmaiah Setty for Rs. 2,512-67 P. and Rs. 78 on separate charge of misappropriation on 30th August 1963.

Sri B. K. Santhaveerappa the then President was responsible for the deficit of amount to the tune of Rs. 4,526-15 P. and an arbitration case was filed and decree obtained.

### CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration to the accident that took place at Mahadeswara Betta on 27th February 1968.

Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).—In response to the Calling Attention, I beg to state that Maha Shivarathri Festival in Mahadeswara Hill Temple attracts a large number of pilgrims. This year, the festival was on February 26th and the Car Festival on the 28th February and the usual bundobust arrangements had been made. This year the number of pilgrims was a little greater. This unfortunate incident happened on 27th February 1968. The Sub-Inspector of Police in charge of regulating the traffic at the junction of the main road and the bus stand road, noticed the ill-fated bus bearing No. MYN 3310 (Shivananda Service) parked in the middle of the road to set down the passengers. As this was obstructing traffic, the Sub-Inspector instructed the person in charge of the vehicle to have it removed to the bus stand. He got into the driving seat and started the bus after removing the stones which had been placed in front of the rear wheels of the bus as it was a down gradient. No sooner the bus started, it gathered speed and went down the road knocking down people and stopped at a distance of about 200 yards after getting into a ditch. The person in the driving seat abandoned the vehicle and escaped. The Sub-Inspector who was running behind the vehicle found 5 men and 1 woman crushed to death by the moving vehicle and several injured. The Deputy Superintendent of Police rushed to the spot on getting the information and later the Superintendent of Police also went there. He found that 17 persons had been injured, out of whom 1 died in the hospital and the condition of 5 serious.

(SRI R. M. PAIIL)

The vehicle was inspected by the Motor Vehicles Inspector who did not notice any mechanical defect. Therefore it is presumed that either the person who was driving the vehicle was not really a driver or was negligent. The person who drove the vehicle has not as yet been traced. The matter is under investigation.

The question of payment of compensation to the victims of this unfortunate incident is under examination.

This is the state of affairs.

### Members' Representations

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—Sir, day-before-yesterday, I spoke on the Non-official Resolution about the police excesses in the State generally and particularly in the Vaiyalikaval incident. It has been reported in Yesterday's Paper. I saw that particular person who was actually in the Police Station and that I saw that his teeth were broken. I remember to have said that it is not myself but it is the statement made by the mother of that person by name Munichandra.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Your Resolution is carried !

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—In the Press there seems to be a slight misrepresentation of what I spoke. I have brought this to the notice of the Chair, because I want the records to be straight.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಚಾಫ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್ (ಚಿಕ್ಕಪೇಟೆ).—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ನಾನು ಒಂದು ನಿಲುವಳಿ ಸೂಚನೆ ಯೊಂದನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜನತೆಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚುವ ಅಕ್ಕಿಯ ಪೂರ್ತಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣವನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿವಾರವೂ ಆಹಾರ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ನ್ಯಾಯ ಬೆರೆ ಡಿಪೋಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ಹಂಚುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ರೇಷನ್ ಕಾರ್ಡುಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆ ಅಂಕಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಕೇಳಿದರೆ ಬರೀ ಸೇಕಡ 50 ರಷ್ಟು ಮಾತ್ರ ಈ ವಾರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಅಲ್ಲ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಮುಂದಿನವಾರ ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಜನಸಾಮಾನ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಇವರ ಇಂತಹ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಗಳಿಂದ ಯಾವ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಅನುಕೂಲಗಳು ಆಗುತ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಪೂರ್ಣ ಪ್ರಮಾಣವನ್ನು ಇವರು ಕೊಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಆಹಾರ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಒಂದು ಭರ ವಸೆಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಬೇಕು. ನನ್ನ ನಿಲುವಳಿ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಚರ್ಚೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ನಾನು ನನ್ನ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರಾದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಚಾಫ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್ ಅವರು ತಂದಿರುವ ನಿಲುವಳಿ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಬೆಂಬಲಿಸಿ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಅದನ್ನು ತಳ್ಳಿ ಹಾಕಿದಾರದು ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅದು ಬಹಳ ಬೊಕ್ಕ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಯಾಗಿದೆ, ಹಾಗೂ ಗಂಭೀರವಾದ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಅನೇಕ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಫೇರ್ ಪ್ರೈಸ್ ಡಿಪೋಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ರೇಷನಿಂಗ್ ಸಿಗುತ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಎಲ್ಲ ಪದಾರ್ಥಗಳು ಬಹಳ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿಗುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಬಡ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಇನ್‌ಫಾರಮರ್ ರೇಷನಿಂಗ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಿದ್ದರೂ ಜನರು ಬಹಳ ಮೋಸವಿಂದ ಪರಿತಾಪ ಪಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ನಿಲುವಳಿಯನ್ನು ಈಗಲೇ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಆರ್. ಶಾಮಣ್ಣ (ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕೋಟೆ).—ಈಗಿನ ರೇಷನಿಂಗ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಆಹಾರ ಪದಾರ್ಥಗಳನ್ನು ಜನರಿಗೆ ಹಂಚುವುದಾದರೆ ಈ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಿ. ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ಈ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯನ್ನೇ ಕಿತ್ತುಹಾಕಿ.